

Sepsis: what it is and why it's a public health challenge

Updated 17 June 2014, 13:08 AEST

Print

Share this story



Thailand, Vietnam and Indonesia will join forces to study the deadly medical condition, Sepsis.

Sepsis, or the body's poor response to an infectious disease, accounts for a substantial number of deaths in the region.

Preliminary results from a Thai study show that one in six patients died, after presenting with sepsis.

Presenter: Sen Lam

Speaker: Dr Direk Limmathurotsakul, assistant professor, Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University, and Director of the Southeast Asia Infectious Clinical Research Network



Sepsis is caused by the immune system's response to a serious infection, most commonly bacteria. (Photo: Mariana Bazo) (Credit: Reuters)

Audio: [Sepsis - What it is and why it's a public health challenge](#)

Topics: [Thailand](#) [Vietnam](#)

Search ABC Radio Australia

Keywords

[Advanced search](#)

Listen

English stream

[Launch standalone player](#)

Next: Pacific Beat

[Full schedule](#)

[Show streams](#)

Popular stories

- ▶ Marine researchers battle the Great Pacific Garbage Patch
- ▶ A new plan to tackle plastic rubbish in the Pacific.
- ▶ West Papuan activists raise human rights concerns with UN
- ▶ Drought fears in Palau as El Nino develops

[More on air highlights](#)